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PRESENT: MESSRS. JIM GARRISON AND ALVIN V. OSER

MEMBERS OF THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

WITNESS:

LAYTON MARTENS

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Reported By:
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LAYTON MARTENS, a witness herein, after being sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

BY MR. GARRISON:

Mr. Martens I want to ask you a few questions in front of the Grand Jury, and I want to call your attention to the fact that, although I am sure your lawyer has advised you, failure to tell the truth in front of the Grand Jury constitutes perjury. Do you understand that?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Secondly, I want to let you know that if we ask you something and you know about it and you say I don't know, that also constitutes perjury. Do you understand that?

A. Yes sir.

Q. We talked to you some months ago, if you remember, in a rather narrow area and we will go into a few other areas today, but one of the indications that the lie detector gave - I would say that substantially what you said was correct, but in one area the lie detector indicated that you were not telling us everything. That was when I asked you if you had told us the names of all the Cubans that Dave Ferrie was associated with. I wish you would reflect back and see if you can remember the names of all the Cubans with whom Dave Ferrie was

associated in 1963?

A. Let's see - why don't I take out pencil and paper and list them?

Q. Certainly.

A. Sergio Arcacha Smith, Lopez .. don't know his first name ...

Q. This was a fairly tall man associated with the Cuban Liberation?

A. Tall man, gray hair, flat top, crew cut ...

Q. Carlos Lopez. When did you last see Carlos Lopez?

A. That would have been in 1961.

Q. All right - who is Julian?

A. Julian was a young man who was an associate of Arcacha's - he was with Arcacha, I knew him through Arcacha, and he is reported to be one of the men who actually took part in the invasion. On April 17, the Day of Pigs.

Q. You talking about Julian Buznedo?

A. I don't know what his last name was.

Q. When did you last see Julian?

A. In '61.

Q. Is this the young man who was a rather gifted cartoonist? Is this the young man who was on a boat in the Bay of Pigs and was not captured but came back?

A. Probably yes.

Q. Julian Buznedo. Tell us about Henrique?

A. Henrique was with Julian, was a friend of Julian's and I met him also through Arcacha Smith. Julian did not appear Latin per se, his skin was fair, he was heavy set build, his hair was blonde and he had light eyes.

Q. Who had blonde hair?

A. This was Henrique. Julian had very dark hair, dark complexion, sort of rosy like complexion -

Q. When did you last see Henrique?

A. That would have been in 1961, I suppose the last time I saw Julian.

Q. Tell us about Orestes?

A. Orestes, I don't know about other than he was a member of the Anti-Castro Underground functioning after the failure of Bay of Pigs.

Q. What does he look like?

A. Short, thin, dark.

Q. When did you last see him?

A. Probably the same time - I just associated with the organization in September of 1961.

Q. 1961?

A. Correct.

Q. All of these men you have mentioned are Cubans that you

associated with in 1961?

A. That's right.

Q. However, you knew Dave Ferrie in 1963?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know Dave Ferrie in 1962?

A. Yes.

Q. We have found that the most intense activity of Ferrie and his associations with Cubans were in 1963, so would you tell us the names of some of the Cubans he was associated with in 1963?

A. My association with Ferrie at that time was only just knowing him socially, I had no more to do with the Cuban organization in 1963. I don't recall seeing any Cubans at Ferrie's house at that time?

Q. Were you at Dave Ferrie's house when they came back from Texas on that weekend in November when the President was killed?

A. This was not clear to me, the Warren Report and news media have established apparently that Ferrie did go to Texas on the afternoon of the assassination. This was not known to me, this information I only got it recently through the local news media.

Q. Do you remember when members of my staff arrived ~~wx~~ at

Dave Ferrie's house right after the assassination?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. About 72 hours afterwards? Were you there?

A. Yes.

Q. How long had you been staying with Ferrie at that time?

A. I guess a week to two weeks.

Q. Do you know where he had gone to when he left?

A. No, I really don't, I don't know where he was that weekend. I told you in December, the first time your office questioned me, that the best I could remember, I seem to remember Ferrie being present at his apartment that weekend. If the evidence is correct, then apparently this is not so. I really don't recall where he was. I didn't know that he made any trip or where he was or if anybody had gone with him.

Q. Then we can agree on this perhaps, for several weeks in November for a week or two, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, you were staying with Dave Ferrie?

A. Yes

Q. In his apartment at 3330 La. Avenue Parkway?

A. Correct.

Q. During that time were you working and where?

A. I was employed at New Orleans Blue Print Co. on Union St. in the City.

Q. Who visited Ferrie during that period that you were with him?

A. Everyone I can remember - let's see I seem to remember, if its the same fellow, Marochini ... that was subpoenaed.

Q. Dante Marochini?

A. Yes, that's the fellow - I didn't know his last name.

Q. Can you tell us approximately when Dante visited the apartment?

A. I really don't remember.

Q. But it was during that week sometime?

A. I am not sure.

Q. But that is your impression?

A. I really don't remember.

Q. Do you know that during that period of time Dante married Jennie who lived next door to Clay Shaw?

A. No. I didn't know that.

Q. Did you know that Dante Marochini was a good friend of James Lewallen?

A. Apparently they knew each other, I don't know what their friendship was, if any - obviously they knew each other for I recall seeing Marochini and Lewallen around Ferrie - obviously they did know each other.

Q. Did you know that Dante Marochini was employed in 1963 by the Reily Coffee Co.?

A. No, I did not know that.

Q. Can you recall if it was daytime or nighttime when Dante Marochini visited Ferrie?

A. Usually - I would think at night, as best I can remember.

Q. It was not a regular sort of thing, just once in a while?

A. Right.

Q. How many times would you say he visited Ferrie that you know of?

A. As a guess I would estimate 4 or 5 times.

Q. Did he ever come with anyone?

A. That is hard to say, it really is, I don't recall.

Q. Do you know what they talked about when Dante Marochini came?

A. No, apparently just a friend - I don't know what the connection was.

Q. Did they talk in English?

A. Yes.

Q. All right, tell me who else visited Ferrie while you were there?

A. Jim Lewallen.

Q. And who else?

A. George Piazza

Q. How many times did George Piazza visit during that period of time?

A. I recall seeing George on maybe 2 occasions.

Q. Would you say this was in November of 1963?

A. Around that time.

Q. Who did George Piazza come with?

A. I think usually George was with Johnny Irion.

Q. John Irion?

A. Right.

Q. How many times have you seen John Irion come around during that period?

A. A few times there were instances when Irion, and Perry and I were together.

Q. Was Irion a pretty regular visitor? In the fall of '63?

A. More or less. He knew him - he was there on occasions.

Q. What was Irion doing during that time?

A. He worked for an architectual firm, I think, during that time.

Q. Going back to Dante - for just a minutes - Dante Marochini, during what period would you say those 4 or 5 visits occurred, during say Nov. 1963?

A. That is really hard - I am trying to think - I remembered

the name Dante - and when the newspaper came out there was a man, Marochini, who had been questioned, it didn't ring any bells but I saw the name Dante and the name Dante did mean something to me. I remembered someone named Dante. Then when I saw the picture in the paper it looked like the same man.

Q. But those 4 or 5 times would have been in the fall of '63? I judge from what you said.

A. It could well have been around that period, but I really am not positive.

Q. Did you see Dante Marochini at all in the fall of 1963? At Dave Ferrie's?

A. I don't know. He could have - really he could have but I am not positive.

Q. Well now you mentioned 4 or 5 times, so you must have the impression of his coming to Ferrie's more than once - so can't you give us an idea when some of these visits occurred? I am not asking you for exact dates.

A. I have been trying to remember now as best I can, I affiliated with the Cuban organization, the FRD in 1961 - I knew Ferrie at that time and I knew Ferrie in 1963 - I am now trying to remember when and where all of the people I can remember around him or did associate with him.

Q. You can't remember details about Dante Marochini's visits?

A. No.

Q. How frequently were you seeing Ferrie in 1963? Before Nov?

A. I saw him very much.

Q. What do you mean very much.

A. I saw him frequently.

Q. How about the summer of 1963?

A. Yes.

Q. Want to tell us about the trip to Houma to the Bunkers at the Base?

A. I don't recall ever taking a trip to Houma or anywhere in the vicinity of Houma with David Ferrie. My attorney told me today, prior to this meeting, that one of the reasons I was apparently here concerned a trip to Houma that Dave Ferrie and some other people apparently took, which I am supposed to have taken with them. It was brought to his attention there were were apparently 2 witnesses to this fact. This is not known to me, I don't recall ever taking any trip to Houma.

Q. Let me see if I can refresh your memory. In the fall of 1961 David Ferrie and some other people went to Houma in the trip were several civilian cars and a laundry

truck. Among the people on the trip were Sergio Arcacha, David Ferrie, Gordon Novel, Sealing, you remember him, don't you?

A. Yes.

Q. That is the one you were arrested with outside of Arcacha's?

A. Correct.

Q. Sealing and you. Now, what happened on that trip? It was at night and when the vehicles arrived at the Blimp Base at Houma the locks and bolts outside the Schlumberger Bumker was cut, the door was opened, everybody had on gloves, and to help you refresh your recollections, Sergio Arcacha, who was always in a jacket and tie, wore a sport shirt. As a matter of fact on this particular occasion, he had his sport shirt buttoned all the way up. Explosives were removed from the Schlumberger Bunker and placed in the back of the laundry truck and then the expedition came back to New Orleans. Does that refresh your memory?

A. Something rings a bell. Now as I have said before, it is true I do remember - I do not remember taking a trip to Houma with any of these people. I do remember

one instance, the only person I could actually say I know was present was Ferrie. I don't remember about a laundry truck but I do remember an instance where we did go - and I think it was close to the Lakefront heresomewhere near New Orleans, but this was back in '61.

Q. Yes, this was in '61.

A. There was supposed to be a cache of arms that was to be for the FRD.

Q. Where was that?

A. I don't remember the location.

Q. I beg your pardon.

A. I don't remember the location.

Q. You don't remember the location?

A. No, when you say at night I do remember such a thing - I don't remember ever wearing any gloves - at night ..

Q. Do you remember where the location of the cache of arms was?

A. It seemed to be near New Orleans Municipal Airport?

Q. What do you mean it seemed to be? Did you go there?

A. I would say within 15 miles of it.

Q. 15 miles of the N. O. Airport?

A. I would say so. As best as I can remember.

Q. That would mean it could be almost any place around here.

Can'tyou put it any closer than that? Within 15 miles of N. O. Airport isn't too much help. Suppose you ask somebody how to get to a certain place - and they say within 15 miles of N. O. Airport, you would feel that they weren't being too helpful -

A. Right?

Q. Can you tell us where the cache of arms was?

A. I really can't,I cannot remember.

Q. Now, I would like to caution you again, when you say you cannot recall where we can show that you should know, this is perjury. Did your lawyer tell you what can happen if you commit perjury?

A. Yes sir, of course I am aware of that.

Q. Did he tell you?

A. Yes he did.

Q. I want to refresh your memory again. You rode back in the right front of the laundry truck, on the way back one of the explosives was detonated, was exploded on the trip back during, on a lonely stretch of the road - does that refresh your memory at all?

A. This is hard to remember. I remember the incidence of the explosion, I do.

Q. Tell us what you remember?

A. I do. I remember someone else who was there. I certainly

do remember - he was known to me only as Woody, he was a very tall, rugged looking individual, dark hair and dark eyes.

Q. Friend - Ferrie's friend in the Army?

A. I really don't know anything about him only that he was a friend of Ferrie's. Somehow he may have been affiliated.

Q. What do you recall about the explosion?

A. Some of the things that were removed were unusual looking things, I guess about the size of a half dollar and maybe about an inch thick, they were red, I remember that, and plastic.

Q. Where were they removed from?

A. I am trying to remember as best I can where this thing was. Best I can remember, it was like a wooden shack about half the size of this room, or smaller, ...

Q. Where was the wooden shack?

A. I really can't recall.

Q. You recall being there?

A. yes.

Q. But you don't recall where the wooden shack was?

A. No I don't.

Q. And it does not refresh your memory when I told you it was a bunker belonging to Schlumberger people at the Blimp Base in Houmer?

A. No, it does not.

Q. It does not refresh your memory when I told you of the people who were on the trip?

A. Now, Sealing must have been there and I don't remember him.

Q. Do you remember Andrew Blackmon?

A. Blackmon was a close associate of this man Woody.

Q. You remember Blackmon being on the trip?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Tell us what you remember about the explosion? On the way back?

A. The explosion - it seemed to be in the magnitude of several large fire crackers, really it would be hard to say actually because the thing fired a few seconds after it was released.

Q. Who released it?

A. I think Woody did.

Q. And what car was Woody in?

A. As best as I can remember now, now that this comes to mind, he was in the same car that I was but I don't remember being in a caravan, a number of vehicles.

Q. What kind of car were you in?

A. I don't remember - I remember an automobile though.

Q. You don't recall?

A. I remember an automobile though.

Q. Who was in the automobile besides you and Woody?

A. Ferrie is the only other person I can remember being there.

Q. Who was driving?

A. Ferrie probably.

Q. You don't remember who was driving? Was the explosive released while the car was moving?

A. Yes.

Q. Did anybody make any comments?

A. It seemed sizable for what it was. The little thing itself was only about the size of a half dollar and about an inch thick.

Q. Why were you there?

A. Allegedly the arms belonged to the FRD.

Q. What was the FRD?

A. The .....

Q. The Democratic Revolutionary Front?

A. Right.

Q. An Anti-Castro organization?

A. Yes.

Q. When you say allegedly the arms belonged to the FRD, what makes you think they belonged to the FRD?

A. No, this is entirely unlikely because as a U. S. citizen, I would be prohibited, I am sure, by U. S. law from becoming an official of a foreign government.

Q. So if the Police Report describing your arrest in Lake Vista in 1961 described you as saying you were in effect second in command, you say that was untrue?

A. Well, I was Arcacha's assistant yes, but this does not put me in the position of ranking official in the provisional government.

Q. I understand but I was trying to see if the police report is true or false. You told the arresting officers, according to the police report, that you were second in command of the Liberation Democratic Front. Now the police report says that, are you saying that is untrue?

A. Yes.

Q. You were Arcacha's assistant, nothing more?

A. Right.

Q. What did the card identify you as?

A. As a delegate of the FRD?

Q. As a delegate?

A. Yes.

Q. Now what is a delegate to the FRD?

A. A delegate would be someone associated with the organization.

Q. Now as Arcacha's assistant you did not know what the purpose of the explosives was?

A. No, I did not.

Q. And you do not know where you went to get them?

A. No.

Q. Now you do not recall the laundry truck?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall what happened to the explosives after you got them?

A. No, I don't, I think Ferrie had them.

Q. You think Ferrie had them?

A. I think he did.

Q. You don't know that they were sent to Miami?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall hearing anything about ...

A. One of the things about the FRD, of course being an exile government and in this particular situation, all things were not made known to all people. Of course the only people, the only indiv idual in the New Orleans office who would have known everything that was happening in that office would be Arcacha Smith.

Q. How about Dave Ferrie?

A. No.

Q. Now, didn't you tell us a few minutes ago that Dave

Ferrie was in kind of charge of this operation?

A. Apparently so, yes.

Q. Now you were close to David Ferrie, were you not?

A. Yes.

Q. You were Arcachia's assistant, were you not?

A. Yes.

Q. And yet you are telling us that you did not know what the purpose of getting the explosives was?

A. Well, I would assume that it was in connection with the FRD, which is my understanding that they would be used for the logical purpose.

Q. And did you know what the purpose of the explosives was when you were getting them?

A. No I did not.

Q. When you went on the trip did you know where you were going?

A. No.

Q. Where did you think you were going?

A. I really didn't know.

Q. Why were you in there? Why were you in the car?

A. Apparently just to help get the things.

Q. Are you sure your lawyer instructed you about perjury and what happens?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. I just wanted to make sure you knew.

You don't even know why you were going on the trip?

A. No I don't.

Q. And you don't know ~~why~~ where you went?

A. No.

Q. Do you know anything about Alpha 66?

A. I don't recall anything.

Q. You never heard of Alpha 66?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. You are not aware that Alpha 66 is one of the more aggressive Cuban Anti-Castro organizations?

A. No, I haven't associated with any of the Cuban organizations since 1961.

Q. You never heard of Alpha 66?

A. No.

Q. Do you know one Juan Valdez?

A. No, I do not recall meeting anyone by that name.

Q. Do you know Dr. Martin Palmer?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you know him from?

A. He is supposed to be one/of the finest internal medicine men in the City .

Q. Is that why you know him, he is an internal medicine man of some repute?

A. No, I thnk I met him at a party sometime, Christmastime.

Q. Where was the party?

A. At his house.

Q. You know whose doctor he is?

A. I saw Dr. Palmer one day last week, I think it was in the French Quarter, and we stopped and said hello and he mentioned that he was Clay Shaw's doctor.

Q. How well do you know Clay Shaw?

A. Not very well, I do know him.

Q. Have you ever been to Clay Shaw's apartment?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever played chess with him in his apartment?

A. Yes.

Q. How many times would you say you had been to Clay Shaw's apartment?

A. 4 or 5 times.

Q. 4 or 5 times during what period?

A. I guess on occasions during the last 2 years.

Q. The last 2 years - did you have a chance to see Clay Shaw in 1963?

A. No I don't ever recall meeting him or seeing him in '63.

Q. Do you recall seeing anyone in 1963?

A. What do you mean?

Q. I have a feeling that you have an entire blank during 1963 - you saw the Cubans in 1961 at Ferrie's and yet Ferrie's most intensive involvement with Cubans was in 1963. I ask you again if you saw any Cubans that Ferrie was associated with in '63?

A. I don't recall any Cubans who associated with Ferrie in '63?

Q. Do you recall Seeing Clay Shaw in 1963?

A. No, I don't.

Q. All right, now you have seen Dante Marochini 4 or 5 times at Ferrie's house, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Now you say you saw James Lewallen at Ferrie's house a number of times, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Dante Marochini and Lewallen in the early 60's lived next door to Clay Shaw - now you have been to Clay Shaw's apartment 4 or 5 times, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. All right. Tell us about the relationship between Clay Shaw and Dave Ferrie?

A. This is not known to me. To my knowledge there is no association between Shaw and Ferrie.

Q. How do you come to know Clay Shaw?

A. I came to know Clay Shaw through some people I was with Mardi Gras Day in 1965, someone said hey, there is Clay and went over to talk to him and I was introduced to him.

Q. Who was the someone?

A. I don't recall, one of the people I was with. It may/have been this boy, Donald Dooty, one of the people I was with.

Q. Who else have you seen at Clay Shaw's apartment when you were there?

A. No one I recall by name. I remember once I was there - this was New Years before this past - there were a number of business associates of Shaw's.

Q. Such as who?

A. I really can't recall.

Q. You don't remember their names?

A. No - just people I was introduced to - I had no reason to remember them.

Q. Did you know Dr. Mary Sherman?

A. No, I don't recall meeting anyone by that name.

Q. Did you ever hear of Dr. Mary Sherman?

A. No I don't recall that.

Q. Did you ever know a boy named Jimmy Roop?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you ever live on Nashville Ave.?

A. Yes

Q. What hundred block?

A. 600 - 606.

Q. Would it help refresh your recollection about Juan Valdez if I said he lived in the 600 block of Jefferson?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever read any of Clay Shaw's plays?

A. No, I understand that he is supposed to be writing some - he is retired and he told me on one occasion, I am retiring and I am going to spend my time writing and travelling.

Q. How often - how well do you know Gordon Novel?

A. I don't recall ever hearing of or meeting Gordon Novel.

Q. You don't remember?

A. No sir.

Q. How well do you know Dean Andrews?

A. I don't know him. I just know him through the news.

Q. How well do you know Ricardo Davis?

A. The name is unfamiliar to me.

Q. You don't recall Ricardo Davis from Cuba who was a very close friend of Acarcha and Ferrie?

A. Maybe if I saw the person I would recognize him, the name is unfamiliar to me.

Q. Would it refresh your recollection if I told you that Ricardo Davis made arrangements for some of the Cuban training areas north of Lake Pontchartrain?

A. It doesn't mean anything to me.

Q. Have you ever heard David Ferrie speak of Cubans being trained north of Lake Pontchartrain?

A. No, I don't recall him ever speaking of that.

Q. Have you ever heard the name Manuel Garcia Gonzales?

A. Yes, I think you have mentioned it before.

Q. Yes, but aside from me.

A. The name sounds unfamilar to me. I do not recall it.

Q. Do you recall being at Lee Circle one time when Lee Harvey Oswald was there?

A. No, I don't recall any such thing.

Q. Do you recall seeing Lee Harvey Oswald in person?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Carlos Quiroga?

A. The name somehow sounds familiar, but -

Q. You don't recall it?

A. No, I don't recall it.

Q. Lets go back to the trip back from the obtaining of the explosives - do you recall anybody being arrested afterwards and placed in First Precinct?

A. I think I was arrested at that time.

Q. You think you were arrested?

A. If this was in 1961 I was arrested late August or early September, 1961.

Q. What do you think you were arrested for?

A. The information the police gave me was that someone had apparently burglarized this supermarket across the street where we were parked and the police originally stopped to investigate our presence there across the street.

Q. Was any Cuban arrested with you?

A. No. Just Sealing and Blackmon -

Q. Just Sealing and Blackmon and no one else?

A. No, I think that's it.

Q. Do you know if anyone was arrested in connection with the trip to get the explosives?

A. No.

Q. And you cannot recall why you were on the trip to get the explosives?

A. No, other than I was just along apparently to go to pick it up.

AQ. Did you know what you were going to pick up?

A. No.

Q. Didn't someone indicate that you were going to do something?

A. I really don't remember, the incidence is vague, as best as I can remember I have told you everything I can recall.

Q. Are you telling me that it is vague to you in the instance that you have admitted explosives of some kind were obtained and one of them was exploded, during the ride ....

A. I remember that.

Q. And you are telling me that this is vague and you don't remember anything else?

A. I remember that it was a passenger car I was riding in, I don't remember any other vehicles present.

Q. How long did you drive before you reached the place where the explosives were?

A. I don't recall driving at all.

Q. How long did you move in the car - how long were you seated in the moving car before you got where the explosives were?

A. I was seated in the car the entire time.

Q. How long did the entire time last?

A. I don't know.

Q. You don't know - you don't even have an idea how long

the trip took?

A. Well, an estimate, I wouldn't think it would take as long as to get to Houma. I remember it being near the N. O. Airport.

Q. You said somewhere within 15 miles of the N. O. Airport.

A. Somehow I remember the N. O. Airport, yes.

Q. What do you mean within 15 miles of the N. O. Airport?

A. I would say relatively closer to the City here. I don't remember it being a long drive, or a trip.

Q. Do you remember people taking explosives out of a bunker?

A. I remember people taking boxes out, I don't exactly recall any other things.

Q. What was in the boxes?

A. Obviously this little - these little red capsules.

Q. Did you ask what they were? When you saw the boxes?

A. Well in any event I must have known what they were because they exploded, I remember that.

Q. Did you ask what were in the boxes?

A. I don't recall, I may have.

Q. You don't remember that? Do you recall when you learned they were explosives being removed?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you learn they wre explosives being removed?

A. At least by the time one was exploded.

Q. You mean you did not recall knowing they were explosives until you were on the way back and one of them exploded?

A. That's right.

Q. You tell me you did not know what was in the box?

A. That's right.

Q. Until then you did not know what was in the boxes?

A. That's right.

Q. Are you telling me that even when the boxes were being removed from the bunker you did not know the purpose of the trip?

A. No. As best as I can remember I was there. Yes, I do remember being there, the purpose of the trip was not revealed to me.

Q. You can remember being there but you don't remember where there was. Is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. I see. And when the boxes were taken from the bunker you recall knowing what was in them at that time?

A. No, I don't recall.

Q. All right. When the boxes were put in the vehicles do you recall knowing what was in the boxes?

A. I don't recall there being more than one vehicle.

Q. When the boxes were put in the one vehicle, did you know what was in the boxes? At that time?

A. I don't think so.

Q. You don't think so? All right. Now when the vehicle started back at that point did you know what was in the boxes?

A. Well, obviously if one did explode, which I do remember, I knew then - I don't recall knowing prior to that time.

Q. You do not recall knowing up to that time?

A. No.

Q. You do not recall men having gloves on when they removed the boxes from the bunker?

A. No.

Q. You do not remember Sergio Arcacha Smith being on the trip?

A. No, I don't.

Q. You don't remember seeing Sergio Arcacha wearing a sport shirt?

A. I really am not positive. I had seen Arcacha, of course on occasions, in other than coats and ties, but I don't, or can't establish any ties of Arcacha on that trip.

Q. What you are saying is that you can't recall Sergio Arcacha being on the trip?

A. That's correct.

Q. Was this a normal trip? For you? A trip like this?

A. Apparently not. My concern was soliciting funds for the refugees.

Q. Did you think when you went on this trip that you would be going to solicit funds?

A. No.

Q. What did you think you were going to do?

A. I, as far as I can recall, thought we were just going to get something.

Q. Did you ask what you were going to get?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You did not ask?

A. No.

Q. Were you curious?

A. Yes, I would think so.

Q. You were curious and yet you did not ask anybody? Not on the trip?

A. I probably did - I really don't know.

Q. You can't remember whether you asked, is that it?

A. That's right.

Q. Would you describe the bunker to me? What did it look like?

A. The incidence that I remember is this thing apparently was nothing more than a wooden shack, I would say maybe the fourth of the size of this room. Maybe 6x6, and - something like an outhouse.

Q. You don't recall seeing a sign with the name of a Company on it?

A. No.

Q. And you cannot remember that this was a Blimp base?

a. No.

Q. Can you recall seeing a large radar type structure an extremely large type structure in the vicinity of the bunker?

A. No, I don't remember that.

Q. Do you recall what you said when you learned that this was an explosive? One of those red things that exploded on the way back?

A. You want to quote me?

Q. Yes, I'd like to hear something that you can recall.

A. I said probably something like G-- D---.

Q. And then what did you say after that?

A. I really don't recall.

Q. You don't recall. At that point did anyone explain to you what was in the boxes?

A. Well, by that time they did not have to.

Q. Are you saying nobody explained to you what was in the boxes?

A. Prior to that I do not recall the purpose of this trip - or anyone explaining the purpose.

Q. After the explosion did anyone explain to you what was in the boxes?

A. I knew then they were explosives, obviously at that point.

Q. What did you say afterwards besides your exclamation?

A I don't recall.

I could only make an assumption at this time.

Q. I do not want an assumption. Can you recall making any comments?

A. No.

Q. In other words, the whole thing was rather vague to you?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. Do you realize that you were participating in a burglary at that time?

A. No, I had no idea.

Q. Was this in the daytime or the nighttime?

A. Approximately time at night.

Q. What do you mean approximately at night?

A. Early evening, 8 or 9 o'clock.

Q. Was it dark?

A. Yes.

Q. And you do not know what the purpose of the explosives were?

A. No.

BY MR. GARRISON:

Gentlemen, do you all have any questions?

BY A JUROR:

Q. How long have you lived here?

A. I was born in New Orleans.

Q. Lived here all your life?

A. Except for most of the time in the last six years, I have been away from New Orleans. I have been a student.

Q. I am saying this as a matter of fact, you seem to be a well educated young man - what is the extent of your education?

A. Six years professional University (inaudible).

Q. You say you took this trip - you now recall taking the trip ...

A. I don't recall a trip to Houma.

Q. Well, let me ask you this: 1, where did you start from? On whatever this was. Where did this trip originate?

A. I don't remember.

Q. You don't remember where you started from yet you recall an exclamation you made on the trip?

A. I probably said something like that. The exclamation. Here is what I remember. I do remember an incidence and its, in fact, lost to me in time. I can only assume that it would have been at this time had it been affiliated with the FRD. I do remember going going somewhere, but honestly I don't recall it.

Q. And you don't remember where you started from?

A. No I don't. I remember going to a point and I remember this wooden shack where some boxes were removed. And I do remember an explosion. Yes.

Q. Well, can you recall this then. If you say you don't remember where you started from - yet you have lived in this area most of your life - you know where the N. O. Airport is, then you tell us it was within 15 miles of N. O. Airport. Do you know how big an area that would encompass? How far from the N. O. Airport in the direction of Kenner do you think you would go in 15 miles?

A. In a straight line you would probably pass Moisant.

Q. That is a pretty good estimate, I would say. And you mean to say that you, having lived here most of your

life, cannot say within that area where you were? You just say within 15 miles - why don't you say within 15 miles of say, David Ferrie's house or somewhere else. Why do you say within 15 miles from the N. O. Airport.

A. I do remember seeing the ~~Moisant~~ N. O. Airport - somehow that is in my mind. I remember seeing the N. O. Airport.

Q. This is the Lakefront? Lakefront Airport or Moisant?

A. Yes. The Lakefront Airport.

Q. If you went 15 miles from there in the other direction you know whereyou would be?

A. Well, you could be in the middle of the Lake.

Q. Yes, if you went what we call east you would have to go along Chef Menteur Highway.

A. Yes, that is right. Let's see, the N. O. Airport is shaped like a ~~horseshoe~~ horseshoe with a finger extending out in the water - I seem to remember it being in this direction.

Q. You were going left from the N. O. Airport for 15 miles.

A. Right.

Q. Why do you use that as a focal point - did you pass there going to this place?

A. I remember the Airport. I assume we did.

Q. You don't know where you started from, you don't know where you went to, but you just remember the N. O. Airport

and 15 miles from there?

A. This is just an estimate - I don't remember any trip, say a long distance, I don't recall any trip to Houma - I don't remember that trip being the length of a trip to Houma. I remember it being relatively close to the Airport.

JUROR:

Let me make a statement, Mr. Martens. You must think these men are stupid. If I were in a car - and it happened 50 years ago, I would remember every person in the car with me, where it happened, I would know where I had the stuff in it, I would know everything else. You must think we are a bunch of kooks to sit down and let you tell us that. This is ridiculous. That you don't know what caused an explosion and you are telling an intelligent group of people like this that you don't remember who was in the car, where you were going, where you were sitting, what you did - you must think we are really kooks to sit down and tell us that. To sit down and lie to us like that does not make sense. You ought to say either that you don't want to say it - I want you to know that I think you are a d--- liar when you say that you are sitting in a car with an explosion and you don't remember the

car, who you were with - you are too intelligent a boy. You know good and well you have to know all about it. I would, everybody here would have to know. You can't tell us that and expect us to believe you. Now we want to sit here and believe you - we certainly want to hurt you. Now, don't think that we are so naive - you insult our intelligence - you wouldn't allow me to do that/you to tell you that I was in a car with an explosion, if it was 50 years ago, I don't know who was in the car with me, or nothing. You would know good and well I would not be telling you the truth. Now, would you like to try again.

A. I just never thought of this incident, nor had I any reason to think of it until now when my attorney spoke to me before I came in her an hour or so ago, he said it is in relation to a trip to Houma - and they want to know something about some explosives - he said did you ever take a trip to Houma with Dave Ferrie and I told him no, I don't ever recall making a trip to Houma with Ferrie. But you mentioned something that brings something to my mind.

BY MR. GARRISON: What does it bring to your mind?

A. I do remember going somewhere, I don't remember why I was there or why I was supposed to be there ...

Q. Or where it was?

A. Or where it was, but I do remember being near the Municipal Airport.

Q. Is it possible that this trip emanated from the Airport? Started there?

A. It could be possible. Isn't that where the Civil Air Patrol is, Sir? Is there still a Unit out there?

Q. There was - could the trip have emanated at that point?

A. It could have.

Q. Where did you unload the boxes, the explosives?

A. I don't remember that.

Q. Did you handle any of them? From the shack to the car?

A. No, I don't remember.

Q. From the car to the termination point?

A. No.

Q. Were there any markings on the boxes?

A. No. I don't remember.

JUROR:

What side were you on when you passed the Airport - were you on the Lakefront or were you near Haynes Blvd?

A. As you would approach the Airport.

Q. Which way?

A. To its face - as you were going to the left from there.

Q. That would be Downman Road.

Mr. Martens, do you remember the Lake at this time?

A. No, I am not sure.

Q. You remember the Airport, but not the Lake?

Q. Mr. Martens, you say that you approached the Airport, which would be on Downman Road, that is when you noticed that it was the N. O. Airport?

A. Yes, I remember seeing the Airport - I recall seeing the Airport.

Q. You remember you were going toward it and then you turned off?

A. No sir, not really - but I remember the Airport.

Q. Are you positive of the Airport?

A. I feel certain of that, yes.

Q. You don't know whether you went facing the N. O. Airport or Downman Road - in looking at it do you know if you went to the right or the left?

A. I think we went left.

Q. You went left facing the Airport from Downman Road would put you right back in the City of New Orleans. Now, you were coming up Downman Road and you turned left -

is that what you are saying, or did you turn right?

A, I think we turned left.

Q. You remember turning left, but only a moment ago we asked you did this trip emanate from the Airport and you said I don't recall. Now, if you don't recall the trip emanating from the N. O. Airport, and you don't know where it emanated from, then it means that it could have been that it emanated from there and at the same time you say you were approaching the Airport and turned left ...

A. No sir, I said I remembered the Airport and I would think that we were going in that direction. From the Airport.

Q. Mr. Martens, I have been cataloguing the times you have said I don't know, I don't recall, perhaps, likely, not I remember a little better, apparently, alleged, assumed, I guess, I think, - you are a normal intelligent person and I think you can see the whole tone of this group is a bit exasperated - and I am particularly exasperated with you - for an intelligent person to draw that many blanks - is your whole past lifetime blank?

A. No, its not.

No, its not blank, well then let me ask you a couple of questions, if I may. When Mr. Ferrie left on the alleged trip to go to Texas on the weekend of the President's assassination, you were living with him at that time?

A. Yes.

Q. You did not know he was leaving?

A. No.

Q. He did not tell you I am leaving town, I will be gone a few days?

A. That is possible, he was frequently out of town.

MR. GARRISON:

But you don't remember, is that what you are saying?

A. Yes sir.

JUROR:

He did not say I am going a few days, I won't be back?

A. He may have.

Q. Let's not say he may have, if you are living in this man's house and he is leaving on a trip for a few days, common sense says he must have told you I will be gone a few days, or you must have asked how long will you be gone - and you don't remember any of this?

A. I really don't. No reason to, I have tried since this thing started to recall everything I could about Dave

Ferrie and all the people around him ...

Q. Let's just stick to the questions, if we may. While you were living with Dave Ferrie did Dante visit there at any time?

A. I really don't remember if he was there at that time.

Q. You can't say yes or no?

A. That's right.

Q. Did Clay Shaw visit?

A. I don't recall ever seeing Clay Shaw at Ferrie's house.

Q. Mr. Martens, before you came in and consulted with your attorney did he tell you that the words I don't recall before a Grand Jury is the same as saying I don't want to incriminate myself?

A. No, he said if you recall something or don't remember something just say you don't remember.

Q. So far you haven't remembered anything. Let me ask you a couple more questions. In your political leanings, are you Democratic or Republican?

A. Democratic.

Q. Democratic all the way through?

A. Well, do you want my political philosophy?

Q. No, I just wanted to know if you are Democratic or Republican - and if you have been consistently?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know Perry Russo?

A. No, I don't recall ever meeting him. Or hearing of him prior to this investigation.

Q. About the time that the President was killed did Ferrie own an automobile?

A. Yes.

Q. You have any idea - and I hate to torture your memory - what kind it might have been?

A. It would have been one of two cars, he had a green '60 Ford -

Q. Dark green or light green?

A. Medium. Ugly looking green. He later had a blue Comet stationwagon.

Q. Did any of the people associated with you or Ferrie or any of you have a white Oldsmobile stationwagon, any of you?

A. No.

Q. You say definitely no - not that I don't recall - you are saying no.

A. Yes, I am saying no.

Q. Do you own a car?

A. Yes. I do.

Q. Do you have a credit card?

A. Yes I do.

Q. Is it a Conoco credit card?

A. No.

Q. What kind of car did you take this trip in?

A. I don't know - it could have been Ferrie's car, the '60 Ford.

Q. by Mr. Garrison:

What kind of car was it you were in - not what kind it could have been - it could have been a fire engine. What kind of car were you in?

A. Sir, I really do not know. I have no reason to recall.

Q. And you don't remember where the boxes were unloaded?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Now when the boxes were unloaded - you knew by that time that they were explosives - dynamite - were in the boxes - yet you do not recall where they were unloaded?

A. No sir, I do not.

Q. Were they put inside the car - where did you put them?

A. I don't remember - I would say they put them in the trunk - there were at least 3 people in that car...

Q. You are saying they were put in the trunk of the car?

A. They should have been yet there were at least 3 people in the car ....

Q. Where was the explosion?

A. The guy threw one out.

Q. Was it inside of the car or in the trunk of the car?

A. I know there was some inside, of course, because this man threw one out.

Q. Was the explosive in the car where you were sitting?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it in the trunk - in the back seat?

A. There might have been some in both - I don't remember how many boxes there were.

Q. You are talking about the explosive - where was the explosion when the cap went off?

A. No, no - I don't recall ...

Q. Do you recall your physical condition at this time? Sleepy, or had you been drinking - anything like that?

A. I really don't.

Q. How large were these boxes? Do you recall?

A, About like this.

Q. How heavy were they - would it take 2 men to carry then?

A. I don't remember. Some were in the car, some were outside the car ...

Q. Inside the trunk or inside the car?

A. Yes, I am trying to remember if there was more than one box, which I don't. I don't remember if there was more than one box.

Q. If there was one box it was in the trunk of the car?

A. If there was only one box it would probably been inside the car. I know there were some inside the car.

Q. There were no loose explosives, you didn't pick up any of them and put them inside a paper sack, anything like that?

A. I hope not.

Q. Who opened the box? While the car was moving apparently?

A. This person called Woody. He was the one who opened the box, took one out and threw it out the window. And it exploded. I remember he wanted to see what it would do. Come to think of it, there was something else in there - little red thing that I described were some little silver things ...

Q. What were they?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were they used in connection with the little red things?

A. Yes.

Q. Woody did this whole operation?

A. Yes.

Q. Woody put the thing together and made it explode?

A. Yes.

BY MR. GARRISON:

You say there were at least 3 people in the car?

A. Yes.

Q. Does that mean there could have been more?

A. Yes - I think there were more.

Q. Who were the other people?

A. I am asking myself who could that have been - it could have been Blackmon, I am not sure.

Q. I don't want to know who it could have been - I want to know who else was there? This was a trip in which explosives were taken from a bunker - which did not belong to you -

A. And this was a burglary?

Q. Yes. And on the way back there was an explosion, which was most unusual - I am 46 years old and I was in the war and I have yet to see an explosion, or explosive thrown out of a car - surely this was unusual - and you can't remember the people who were in the car with you?

A. I remember this boy Woody being there - and I am sure Ferrie was there -

Q. You are sure Ferrie was there?

A. I remember those two.

Q. How about Sergio Arcacha?

A. I don't recall Arcacha being there.

Q. How about other people, you can't recall any other people?

A. I say I think there was one other person ..

Q. Who was that other person?

A. I don't recall.

Q. You don't recall.

JUROR:

Why were you so close to Ferrie? Why were you with him all the time?

A. Well, I knew Ferrie when I was a CAP cadet and then again through the FRD. Why the FRD considered me for membership I do not know, but I became interested in the organization and I knew Ferrie through both organizations.

Q. You mentioned earlier that you were 6 years in professional studies right now - what are you doing now?

A. Right now I am finishing my last semester's work on a degree in musical education.

Q. In music education?

A. Yes.

Q. Now my wife happens to be a music major - and there is an awful lot of memory work that you must perform in music education, isn't there?

A. In what way?

Q. Memory - you have to learn an awful lot and remember an awful lot, don't you?

A. Of course.

Q. And yet you can't remember anything else - are you flunking these courses? Or are you doing fairly well in them?

A. I hope I am doing fairly well.

Q. Don't be evasive - tell me, are you flunking these courses or are you doing well - are you in the upper third of your class, or the lower third?

A. I am in the upper half of my class.

Q. You are in the upper half. You have told this gentleman about perjury? For my own information I would like to know in the event that a person does perjure themselves, or himself, before the Grand Jury, what are the possible penalties and the minimum and maximum amount of time involved?

A. I was told by about 4 people before I came here that I was going to be charged with perjury.

Q. Who told you this?

A. I received this members of both TV Stations, ...

Q. Who?

A. Should I name?

Q. Sure. Absolutely. Not should you name them, but if the Grand Jury asks you a question you just better flat name them.

A. I see. Bill Elder, Channel 4 ...

Q. He told you you would be tried for perjury by the Grand Jury? Indicted for perjury?

A. He said that is what they would suspect.

Q. Who were the others?

A. It was indicated to me by ....

Q. I did not say who indicated it - let's quit playing with words - who told you this?

A. Ray Townley of Channel 6 and Bill Elder of Channel 4.

Q. The reason why we are getting exasperated is because you either don't know the English language or you are trying to make fools out of us as Mr. LaBiche said. There is a lot of difference between words like indicate and tell - you know with all the rest of it, we do speak the English language and many of us have

college educations too. Now, I think we all ought to know - to refresh our own memories - the penalties for perjury.

BY MR. OSER:

Revised Statute 14, Section 123, the penalty part reads: ... whoever commits perjury shall be punished as follows: 1. When committed on a trial for any felony imprisonment at hard labor for not more than ten years; 2. in all other cases by a fine of not more than $1000.00 or by imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

In the Grand Jury we would apply sub-section 2: which is a fine of not more than $1000.00 or a term with or without hard labor for a term of five years, or both.

JUROR:

Now this Grand Jury has in no way indicted you for the crime of perjury. We are trying to get you to tell us simply yes's and no's instead of all the ....

A. People have been telling me one of two things, or three things, they say there is some possibility you might not have any more to do with this; or two other things, you are either going to be indicted as the other man or you are going to be charged with perjury.

Q. Does this bother you? That this could happen?

A. Of course, I think its astonishing to think that such a thing could happen - this is ....

Q. When you are telling the truth?

A. Of course - I have told it to the best of my knowledge, the truth ....

BY MR. GARRISON:

Yet you are not sure that Ferrie was there, you just think Ferrie was there? Is that it?

A. That's right. Now one person I definitely know was there....

Q. Someone is coming into the picture?

A. I remember it as this fellow Woody. I remember this fellow Woody ...

Q. But you don't remember Ferrie?

A. I would think that he was there.

Q. You would think. Was he there?

A. I would say yes he was. I think he was there.

Q. You don't really remember?

A. I really don't.

Q. Didn't you know Ferrie pretty well?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever have sexual relations with Ferrie?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever been in bed with Ferrie?

A. Yes.

Q. What were you doing in bed with him?

A. Shared the same bed - there was only one bed in the house.

Q. Sleeping?

A. Yes.

Q. But you cannot remember whether Ferrie was there - he might have been, but you can't remember it, is that it?

A. I think he was.

Q. Butyou can't remember forsure?

A. If that's what you want, I'll say he was there. I think he was.

Q. That's not what I want. We want the truth. If he was not there ....

A. Well, that's exactly it. I think he was there. To the best of my knowledge he was there.

Q. What do you mean when you say you think? Does that mean he might not have been there?

A. There is a possibility.

Q. There is a possibility that he was not there?

A. I am trying to remember this thing as best I can.

Q. I see. Yet you are positive that this fellow Woody was there - did you know Woody very well?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. You don't know him nearly as well as you did David Ferrie?

A. That's correct.

Q. Yet you are very positive that Woody was there, but David Ferrie you are not too sure about?

A. That's right. I remember this fellow Woody must have .. ....

Q. Would you say this sounds strange?

A. Yes I would - if someone said it to me, I would.

Q. Mr. Martens, you have got to remember that when the thing exploded in the car and you all stopped - you must have been inquisitive enough to get out and see what exploded - you must have been looking ... You kept driving up to the explosion - and you connected it right there in the car? It must have been inside the car, the explosion?

A. No, it was thrown outside.

Q. Who threw it out?

A. Woody.

BY MR. GARRISON:

Q. Are you aware that Woody is out of the country right now?

A. I have not seen him, I only knew him ....

Q. What road were you on when the explosive was thrown out?

A. I guess I don't remember.

Q. You don't remember.

A. No.

JUROR:

Q. you say there were 3 people in the car?

A. Yes, I remember 3 people. I am trying to remember ...

Q. You are sure of 3 people - you say Woody was one, and possibly Ferrie - and if Ferrie was not there who was the other one?

A. I am sure that Ferrie was there.

Q. Are you saying yes Ferrie was there?

A. Yes, I think he was. To the best of my knowledge.

Q. If Ferrie wasn't there who would the third man have been?

A. I am trying to consider - I am going over in my mind - if Blackmon was there because Blackmon was a close associate of ....

Q. Could Blackmon have been a fourth one?

A. He could have.

Q. You say that Woody threw this explosive out of the car?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you driving?

A. No, I don't think I was.

Q. Who was driving?

A. I think it would have been Ferrie.

Q. You mean to tell me you don't know who you were riding with? Who was driving the automobile you were in? How would you make this trip if you weren't with Ferrie? You didn't know Woody very well, you say. You didn't know the other people very well, you say?

A. The people I have named so far - I don't know of anyone else who I would have been with, other than Ferrie.

Q. Why would you have been on the trip?

A. The only thing I remember is going there.

BY MR. GARRISON:

Q. Going where?

A. Wherever this shack was.

JUROR:

Q. A person of your intelligence - even at that stage of the game, you just blindly follow people some place you don't know where and for something you don't know what?

Q. Who invited you to go on this trip?

A. I think it must have been Ferrie - it had to be.

Q. Ferrie invited you to go on this trip? How did he invite you - did ~~xxx~~ he call you up, were you at his house? When he asked you to go?

A. Maybe at his house.

Q. Why were you at Ferrie's house and not at home?

A. Well, at that time my mother and I - this is a personal situation - my mother suffered a mental illness and I stayed out of school that semester - in 1963, the time of the assassination. I stayed out of school and I stayed here in New Orleans to' take care of my younger sister until she returned from the hospital.

Q. Were you working?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. At that time I worked for Simpson Refrigeration.

Q. You were very close to Ferrie and in addition to that you were Arcacha's assistant, and I got the impression that you described yourself as probably the first assistant to Arcacha. Now, let's take it from there.

A. Being that close to both of these men, going on an expedition of this kind, you are trying to convince us that you did not know the purpose of the trip when you started out; where you were going, where you started from, and what your disposition of this material was when you came back - that close to the two men who

were running the trip and you did not know anything about these facts.

A. Sir, I am trying my best to remember.

Q. You would not have been under the influence of liquor and not know what was going on?

A. No sir.

JUROR:

Do you say yes or nothat Ferrie was in this car at the time you went to the wooden shack?

A. Yes, I say yes.

Q. If he was in the car you must have been with him some place when you started on your journey. He just did not suddenly materialize in the car like a Herts commercial, where were you at home with Ferrie and they decided to make the trip and you went along with them?

A. That's very possible.

Q. Were you or weren't you?

A. I don't recall where I was at the origin of the trip or at the end of that trip. I don't know where the shack was located and I don't remember ...

Q. You don't know where you started from?

A. I don't remember.

Q. You don't remember meeting Ferrie any place?

He picked you up?

A. I don't have any reason to recall it until now.

Believe me, I am trying.

Q. We would love to see you put this music intelligence of yours to work - if you started from Ferrie's home its a simple enough thing to remember. If you did, fine, if you didn't, that's all right too. If you started from his home you would remember that. If you started from some place else you would not remember.

A. The only thing I can say to you is that I cannot remember.

Q. Where you started from?

BY MR. GARRISON:

Do you remember where you went?

A. No, I don't.

Q. You remember where the boxes were unloaded when you came back?

A. I don't remember that. I am sorry.

JUROR:

Q. It seems incredible that you went about 15 miles and did not know where you started from?

Q. You mean that you could detonate an explosion within 15 miles of any place around here?

A. I do remember something - I sure do - I remember one thing - I know where some of those explosives were - wound up. Some of thoese explosives went to Guy Bannister's office, I do remember that.

Q. Guy Bannister's office?

A. yes sir. I sure do.

Q. Well, how do you remember that?

A. I don't remember seeing them themselves, but I do remember being with Ferrie and this other person, Woody, when they brought these things to Bannister.

Q. Do you remember where Mr. Bannister's office was?

A. Yes, by the Old Post Office - in a flat building - with a black door -

Q. It that where you ended - or did you go there at a subsequent time or ended up there?

A. What do you mean by ending up there?

Q. Thank you. That's it.

BY MR. MARTENS:

Gentlemen, may I ask you something? Am I to be charged with anything here now - you have already implicated me apparently in a burglary.

BY MR. GARRISON:

Mr. Martens, you are here so the Grand Jury can ask you questions.

Q. Who is paying your tuition at Southwestern?

A. I have a scholarship. Its a University scholarship.

Q. What High School did you attend?

A. Fortier and Lutcher High.

Q. Mr. Martens, did Ferrie ever hypnotize you?

A. Once - at least once, he said he did once.

Q. You believe that he did?

A. No. You know these compasses that you draw circles with - he claims to have just put one of those right through here - this flesh here - and its very peculiar, so I woke up and he said you know what I did - there were other people around and I said I felt something but I didn't feel anything in my hand ...

Q. Who were the other people around?

A. Some of the cadets - I remember there were some of the CAP people around ... no, it was very curious, the thing started hurting and then bleeding so he said supposedly wait a minute and very quickly he/put me back under - I knew the whole time what was happenin g then he

said heal the wound - absolutely heal the wound, that's what he said and then he said wake up again and there was no wound, no blood, no hole, no nothing. It was very curious.

Q BY MR. GARRISON:

You don't remember the laundry truck?

A. No sir, I dont.

Q. Would it refresh your recollection if I told you this was an unusual looking truck, had a dairy truck type with no windows and opened up in the back - and if I told you further that the explosives were put in the back of the laundry truck - doesn't refresh your memory at all?

A. It sure doesn't, I don't recall it.

Q. You don't recall ever taking a trip at night where a laundry truck was present?

A. No sir.

Q. You don't recall Sergio Arcacha?

A. No, I don't.

Q. You don't recall Gordon Novel being there?

A. No sir.

Q. You can't recall whether there were more than three people?

A. I think there were 4 - and I am trying to recall who the other person could have been - I am honestly trying to recall ... people in this car.

Q. I have no more questions.

You are excused.

BY MR. MARTENS:

Before I go I would like to say one thing. At the University now I am a music teacher as it were - I am a student teacher - this is my last semester - and I do have a class over there and I have missed the last two days of it - I would like to return. I have to teach, this is my job, so I would like to go back to Lafayette.

FOREMAN:

That is Mr. Garrison's problem, not ours.

MR. GARRISON:

I am not going to ask you any more questions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the preceding transcript is a true and correct copy of the testimony given, under oath, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, on the 29th day of March, 1967, and reduced to typewriting by me.

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